

(c) These five Working Groups provide the right platform to discuss proposals on governance and economic development so as to arrive at a consensus and build confidence across different segments of society and as such the National Conference must reconsider their decision and involve themselves in this process.

Investigation by CBI with regard to International film festival, 2004

57. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the investigation commenced by the Central Bureau of Investigation with respect to International Film Festival held in the year 2004 has been completed;

(b) whether the CBI has collected all the information in connection with the IFF 2004;

(c) the number of persons interrogated and arrested, if any, in the matter;

(d) whether the CBI officials have visited the sites connected with the case;

(e) whether all the relevant documentary evidence has been obtained from the State Government;

(f) by when the charge-sheet is proposed to be filed; and

(g) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had registered a Preliminary Enquiry No. 1(A)/2006-Goa on 16.3.2006 to inquire into the alleged financial irregularities in creation of facility and infrastructure for the Goa International Film Festival 2004. While the enquiry was underway, a criminal case has been registered against the ex-Chief Minister, Goa and others at Police Station Panaji, Goa on similar allegations under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. Consequently, the enquiry in CBI has been stopped.

(b) During the course of enquiry, some documents were collected by CBI.

(c) No person was either interrogated or arrested. It was an enquiry and eleven persons were examined.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Some documents were collected by CBI from the State Government.

(f) and (g) Does not arise in view of answer to (a) above.

Steps to deal with naxalism

58. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as part of its multi-pronged strategy to deal with terrorism, the Centre has decided to strengthening police forces by raising new battalions, filling existing vacancies and providing modern weapons to them;

(b) if so, whether Government have set up a Group of Ministers to suggest and look into the socio-economic causes of rise of naxalism in tribal forest areas;

(c) if so, what are the other suggestions made by this Group; and

(d) to what extent Government have been able to tackle the problem of naxalism both socio-economically and also through raising the strength of the forces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The Central Government has been providing assistance for strengthening the State Police forces including raising of IR Bns in naxal affected areas as a part of the multi-pronged strategy adopted to deal with the menace of naxalism. Besides, guidelines were issued in January, 2005 for making 40% recruitment in the Central Police Forces from the militancy/naxalism affected and border areas.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, the Government has recently constituted and Empowered Group of Ministers (EGOM) to closely monitor the naxal